GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3045
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Attack on North Eastern Citizens
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various crimes, racial attacks and derogatory remarks against citizens hailing from the North Eastern States are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of such cases reported, guilty arrested and the action taken against them during each of the last three years and the current year, crime and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the increase in the said incidents, if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to promulgate an anti-racial law or amend the Indian Penal Code to make "racial discrimination" a non-bailable criminal offence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the other corrective measures taken to stop such cases in future along with the details of advisories issued to States and police departments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a)to(c): The number of racial attacks reported against the people hailing from the North Eastern States, as available with the Ministry during the last three years is at Annexure-I.
(d)&(e): The Government has proposed amendments in Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.PC) vide 'The Criminal Law
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Amendment Bill, 2016' and circulated the proposed amendments to all the Stakeholders on 1st February, 2017. Various steps have also been taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the security of the North Eastern people such as issuing of advisories to all the State Governments, strengthening facilities for legal assistance, extending facilities in the field of sport, educating the people about the North East in various forms, focusing attention on the North East on media, providing of helpline numbers, appointment of Nodal Officers to address the grievances of North Eastern people, etc.

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